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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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1. ALTHOUGH HOSNY AND ZAHARAN ARE WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY, OUR BIO FILES ON THEM ARE INCOMPLETE. BOTH ARE CAREER DIPLOMATS RELATIVELY RECENTLY RETURNED TO CAIRO ON ASSIGNMENT IN MFA AND BOTH ARE IN PARIS FOR CIEC AT PRESENT. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION AVAILABLE WITHOUT APPROACHES TO GOE CONTACTS.

2. MOHAMED WAFIK HOSNY SERVED WITH RANK OF MINISTER AT NEW YORK, EITHER IN MISSION TO UN OR CONSULATE, UNTIL APRIL 1976. HE WAS ACCORDED RANK OF AMBASSADOR JULY 1976. AS DIRECTOR OF MFA'S GENERAL DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, HE HAS PROVEN TO BE RECEPTIVE AND COOPERATIVE ON MATTERS TAKEN UP BY EMBASSY. HIS EARLIER CAREER, WE UNDERSTAND, ENCOMPASSED WIDE RANGE OF ASSIGNMENTS AND ATTENDANCE AT NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. HOSNY APPEARS TO BE IN MID-FIFTIES; HE IS OF AVERAGE HEIGHT AND BUILD, WITH CURLY, GRAYING HAIR. HE HAS A GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH. SEE CAIRO 7208 FOR STATEMENT OF HIS (AND/OR GOE'S) VIEWS ON CIEC.

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3. DR. MOUNIR ZAHARAN HOLDS PHD IN ECONOMICS. CURRENTLY HE IS COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN OFFICE OF DEPRIMIN AND FONMIN ISMAIL FAHMY, HAVING RETURNED IN 1975 FROM ECONOMIC COUNSELOR POSITION IN EGYPTIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. ZAHARAN IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT U.S. AFFAIRS AND WE UNDERSTAND WAS ACTIVE ON HILL DURING WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT. IN PRESENT POSITION, ZAHARAN HAS READY ACCESS TO FONMIN AND IS NOT SHY

ABOUT EXERCISING PRIVILEGE WHEN NEEDED. HE IS FORTHCOMING AND
AN EFFECTIVE DIPLOMAT CONSIDERED BY US TO BE PRO-AMERICAN,
ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, ALWAYS WITH EGYPTIAN INTERESTS PARAMOUNT.
MUCH OF HIS TIME SINCE RETURNING TO CAIRO HAS BEEN SPENT ON
CIEC, INCLUDING VIRTUALLY CONTINUOUS ATTENDANCE AT PARIS SESSIONS.
HE IS OF AVERAGE BUILD, APPEARS TO BE IN HIS MID-FORTIES, AND
SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL. SEE CAIRO 3453 FOR INDICATION OF HIS
VIEWS ON CERTAIN CONFERENCE ISSUES.
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